All the inhabitants are fleeing to the woods. There are no peasants left in the villages. The enemy consume everything, take all the horses, all the cattle, all the clothing and rags of the peasants; they strike everybody, men and women, and commit a great number of rapes. I hope soon to draw my people from this miserable state and from this truly horrible suffering. The enemy should think of this twice, for Frenchmen are not patient; they are courageous by nature, and I expect to see them forming themselves into free companies.

I shall be at Troyes to-morrow. Perhaps Blucher's army will operate between the Marne and the Aube. 3d, Troyes:

I expect to get 15,000 men from the army of Spain day after to-morrow.

4th. (To Caulaincourt.) Prince Schwarzenberg's report is moonshine. There was no battle. The Old Guard was not on the field; the Young Guard was not engaged. We lost a few guns that were taken in cavalry charges. It appears that the whole of the enemy's army was in line, and that they regard it as a battle; if they do, it is not much to their credit. They had not more than 15,000 of us in their front, and we held our positions all day.

6th. (To General Clarke.) You told me that the artillery had a great number of pikes: have them served out to the national guards who are collecting near Paris. They will serve for the third rank. Have regulations printed on how to handle them. Send pikes to the departments also; they are better than pitchforks, and in any case they are short even of pitchforks in the cities.